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25X1COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO.                     TOPIC Enlargement of Depots at Bad Saarow-Pieskow.EVALUATION            PLACE OBTAINED                      25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 17 November 1951DATE OBTAINED                      DATE PREPARED 10 January 1952REFERENCES                     PAGES 4 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - sketch on dittoREMARKS                     RETURN TO CIA  
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1. On 17 November 1951, source determined that the complex under construction north of the Soviet signal equipment depot employed about 100 German workers and was scheduled for completion by 21 December. The construction of the new depot was supervised by Lieutenant Colonel Zakherov (fnu) who used to ride sedan           . The old depot contained signal equipment, including cable reels, batteries and radio cars on blocks, and several trucks           

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2. Another depot situated about 1 km north of the signal depot and west of the road was also being enlarged. About 500 workers were employed. Upon completion, the Soviet installation there will be moved to the enlarged depot east of the road, while the German Volkspolizei, on whose authority the enlargement was made, will occupy the installation west of the road. The drawings of both construction sites had to be handed over to VP Inspektur Wirkner (fnu) every evening.           

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3. On 27 October, five railroad carloads of material for the unit            were unloaded at Pieskow railroad station and the cargo hauled away           

4. A fuel dump was under construction near the castle at Schammetzel Lake, south of Pieskow railroad station.           

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           Comments.

- (1) Information on the enlargement of the signal equipment depot of the GOFU in Bad Saarow was first reported in           . Upon completion of the work, the branch depot, which is still housed in Depot Aktion Brand about 1 km north of the main depot west of the Bad Saarow-Deeskow road, will probably be dissolved and moved to the main depot. Lieutenant Colonel Zakherov (fnu) is reported for the first time. The trucks belong to the GOFU. For sketch of depot, see Annex.
- (2) The depot is referred to as Depot Aktion Brand. According to a previous report, a VP hospital and recreation center were to be established there.

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[redacted] However, the construction of temporary wooden buildings indicated that troop quarters were being built, probably for VP personnel. V/ Inspekteur Wirkner (fnu) is reported for the first time. For sketch of depot, see Annex.

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- (3) [redacted] a depot and is known from previous reports. The depot is believed to be situated in the area of the former quarters of the barrage balloon battalion just east of Bad Saarow-Ost railroad station. [redacted]

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- (4) The construction of a fuel dump near Pieskow Castle is reported for the first time.

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Legend:

## A. Signal equipment depot.

1. Garage with eight unnumbered radio trucks on blocks.
2. Garage with jeeps and sedans.
3. Guardhouse.
4. Garage with 20 doors.
5. Shed, about 50 meters long.
6. Guardhouse and quarters for about 40 men.
7. Workshops, including locksmith's shop, carpentry shop, electric shop, etc. about 70 meters long.
8. Motor vehicle repair shop with pits and battery charging station.
9. Garages for sedans.
10. Underground fuel bunker, projecting 1 meter above the surface, topped with a concrete cover.

## B. Depot Action Brand.

1. Temporary barracks building.
2. About 20 temporary barracks buildings under construction.

The signal depot was heavily guarded, surrounded by a double fence, watchtowers, and floodlit by 2,000-candle arc lamps. Civilian employees are bound to strict secrecy.

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Signal Equipment Depot of the GDR at Bad Saarow

